



Introducing Gustavus Equitable Access Course Material Subscription

Starting this fall all students can accurately plan and budget for course materials. Regardless of your major, tuition, fees and health insurance have been the same rate for all students; that has not been the case for course material until now. This fall we are removing the hurdle of inequity for course materials and implementing a per credit fee for course materials.

\$75 per credit - no matter the major

How does it work? Each student will be billed based on the number of credits they are enrolled in. If you were taking 4 credits it would be \$300. Partial credit courses will be prorated.

When will I be billed? Your equitable access subscription fee will show up on your September statement from Gustavus. If you make changes to your credit hours after that, or order any optional books after that, those changes, additions or returns will appear on your October statement.

I receive financial aid, how does that work? If you plan to use your financial aid package to pay for your course materials, you simply need to do nothing. The charges will automatically be sent to your Gustavus account at the beginning of September and applied to any open aid you have available.

What if I only want print or digital materials? You will be able to log into your account in the next couple of weeks to set up your preferences. Books will automatically be a mix of print and digital depending on what is available and professor request. If you want a print upgrade, it is available for a fee upon request.

What if I really do not want to participate? There is an option to “opt out.” You will need to make this choice by **September 19, 2022** for a full refund. Simply email bookmark@gustavus.edu to complete the opt out form. If you choose to opt out of the program, you will be responsible to purchase your textbooks and materials on your own through the Slingshot website or other retailers. This option replaces the price comparison tool formally found at The Book Mark’s website.

I opted out, and now I have changed my mind, can I re-enroll? Yes, you can opt back into the Gustavus Equitable Access Program using the form provided by the Book Mark. Once processed, you will have access to your digital materials in your student portal and your print materials will be shipped. Please email bookmark@gustavus.edu to request the opt in form. Once your opt-in is confirmed, your student account will be billed.

What if I drop a class at the start of the term and take a new course? Good news for you. Once the class changes show up in MyGustavus they will feed into our course materials system. If your unneeded book is a print copy, you just return it to The Book Mark. You will receive an update when your new material arrives. If the material you no longer need is digital, it will automatically return and the new one will appear in your online account.

My professor has optional materials listed, how do I purchase those? You can choose to not get the optional materials, purchase the optional items through your EA (Equitable Access) website, or shop at other retailers. Optional titles are those not required to pass a class.

Who do I contact with questions? We want to make your course material experience the best it can possibly be. For more assistance, contact the Book Mark - bookmark@gustavus.edu.